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SUBJ: LOCKHEED - SPECIAL ENVOY

REF: STATE 78670

1. AMBASSADOR MET FONMIN MIYAZAWA LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 2 TO CONVEY VIEWS OUTLINED IN REFTEL. MIYAZAWA WAS APPRECIATIVE, NOTING THAT, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT KNOW PRECISELY WHAT MIKI'S VIEWS WERE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A SPECIAL ENVOY, HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT SUBJECT WOULD ARISE DURING MIKI'S APRIL 3 PRESS CONFERENCE AND THAT MIKI MIGHT BE MANUEVERED INTO KEEPING THE POSSIBILITY ALIVE. MIYAZAWA SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONTACT MIKI SOONEST AND URGE HIM TO AVOID ANY COMMITMENT TO, OR INDICATION THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER, DISPATCH OF A SPECIAL ENVOY.

2. AT APRIL 3 PRESS CONFERENCE MIKI FENDED OFF QUESTION BY STRESSING THAT LOCKHEED AFFAIR MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO DAMAGE US-JAPAN RELATION. HE SAID THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO MAKE A CONSTANT EFFORT TO INCREASE US-JAPAN UNDERSTANDING. REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF THE LOCKHEED AFFAIR, HE SAID THAT MANY PROBLEMS WOULD ARISE THAT WOULD REQUIRE "DISCUSSIONS OR NEGOTIATIONS" AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT NATURALLY HAD A CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY TO DO SO EVEN WITHOUT THE DISPATCH OF A SPECIAL ENVOY. HE
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STRESSED THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE

GOVERNMENT TO GET ON WITH THE PROBLEM WITHOUT AWAITING
THE DISPATCH OF AN ENVOY. HE WAS NOT PRESSED
FURTHER ON THIS POINT.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MIKI DID NOT CATEGORICALLY
CLOSE THE DOOR TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A SPECIAL ENVOY,
THE IMPORT OF HIS REMARKS WAS CLEARLY THAT HE IS NOT
NOW CONSIDERING SUCH ACTION AND HE CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION
THAT HE DOES NOT CONSIDER IT TO BE NECESSARY.
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